

Passed by the House on April 15, 2015: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting;
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TEXAS IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SYSTEM

CHAPTER 51

H.B. No. 1443

AN ACT

relating to the Texas Identification Number system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 403.039(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The comptroller shall assign a Texas Identification Number[~~based on the comptroller's taxpayer identification number system;~~] to each person[~~other than a state employee;~~] who supplies property or services to the state for compensation or reimbursement.

(b) The Texas Identification Number system shall be used by each state agency as the primary identification system for persons[~~other than state employees;~~] who supply property or services to the agency for compensation or reimbursement. The agency may assign secondary numbers if the secondary numbering system does not unnecessarily create duplication of data bases, efforts, or costs.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF RABIES VACCINE UNDER A LOCAL
RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM**

CHAPTER 52

H.B. No. 1740

AN ACT

relating to the administration of rabies vaccine under a local rabies control program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 826, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 826.018 to read as follows:

Sec. 826.018. LOCAL RABIES CONTROL PROGRAMS. (a) This section applies to a veterinarian who:

- (1) is employed by a county or municipality; and*
- (2) administers or supervises the administration of rabies vaccine as part of a local rabies control program established by a county or municipality under this chapter.*

(b) A veterinarian described by Subsection (a) is not required to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship before administering rabies vaccine or supervising the administration of rabies vaccine.

(c) To the extent of any conflict between this section and any other law or rule relating to the administration of rabies vaccine, this section controls.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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DECERTIFICATION OF A CERTIFIED CAPITAL COMPANY

CHAPTER 53

H.B. No. 3031

AN ACT

relating to the decertification of a certified capital company.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 228.302, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the comptroller may decertify a certified capital company if the comptroller receives a request in writing from the certified capital company stating that the certified capital company has made qualified investments in an amount cumulatively equal to 100 percent of the company's certified capital.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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**AMOUNT OF TEMPORARY INCOME BENEFITS TO WHICH
AN INJURED EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED UNDER THE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM**

CHAPTER 54

S.B. No. 901

AN ACT

relating to the amount of temporary income benefits to which an injured employee is entitled under the workers' compensation system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: